

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1786

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Wallace Distribution Company on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Generally Assembly should recognize those historic Tennessee businesses that have a long-standing commitment to providing exceptional service to their customers; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable entity is Wallace Distribution Company of Morristown, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, a commendable milestone for this family-owned and family-operated business; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, founder D.M. Wallace changed the company's original name from "Whittaker Holtsinger Hdwe Co." to Wallace Hardware Co.; and

WHEREAS, originally functioning as both a retailer and wholesaler of hardware, the company has focused exclusively on its wholesale business during the last twenty to thirty years; and

WHEREAS, as the company's 100th anniversary fast approached, president and chief executive officer Doyle Wallace decided a new name and logo were needed to reflect current business practices; and

WHEREAS, Wallace Hardware was thus reborn as Wallace Distribution Company, and its famous W was redesigned in a new logo; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace marked this special occasion at the company's first in-person vendor show since the pandemic, with more than 150 vendors and numerous customers in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the new name and the new logo were a resounding success among vendors and customers alike; and

WHEREAS, for a century now, Wallace Distribution Company has been providing quality hardware products and excellent customer service, and it is fitting that the business be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Doyle Wallace and the employees of Wallace Distribution Company on 100 years in operation, wishing the iconic Tennessee business much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.